

1 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT**
2 **MARCH 22, 2016 AT 7:15 P.M.**
3 **CUMBERLAND TOWN HALL, EVERETT "MOE" BONNER, JR. TOWN CHAMBERS**
4 **45 BROAD STREET, CUMBERLAND, RI**
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7 The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

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9 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Lemois, Commissioners Koutsogiane, Matta, Parent, Ouellette,
10 Champagne, Scullin.

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12 **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
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14 Resident, Maria Lopes of 99 Rabbit Hill Road got up to speak of her concerns over a bill
15 forwarded to her from the Dawson Group in regards to an accident she was involved in near
16 116/Mendon Road.

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18 Commissioner Ouellette stated that she needed more information and that the insurance
19 payment from Cumberland residents should be accepted. There was further discussion on
20 where these fees go into the budget. The Chief will provide a report at the next meeting and
21 email the same to Ms. Lopes.

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23 There were many questions and discussion on where these fees go and if these two reports
24 were reviewed. The Chief stated that two different people were working on the report as it
25 was near shift change. It was discussed that the Department needs to take measures to make
26 sure that the reports are accurate. There were questions on the tow truck and stretcher assist.

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28 Commissioner Koutsogiane had questions on the Level 2 Clean-up bill and the amount of time it
29 takes. He stated that the District needs to take measures to make sure reports are accurate
30 and mirrors rates of a hazmat response.

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32 Chairman Lemois requested the Chief to review and submit a written report for the next regular
33 Fire Committee meeting.

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35 **CONSENT AGENDA**
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37 COMMISSIONER CHAMPAGNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 3/1/16. SECOND BY
38 COMMISSIONER OUELLETTE.

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40 Commissioner Koutsogiane had several comments regarding the minutes. Chairman Lemois
41 asked him to put down in writing and they would be addressed.

Commissioner Koutsogiane had concerns that none of his questions or responses were contained in the minutes. Also that he did not support a resolution. Also questioned diagrams and stated none of them were presented at meeting.

Chairman Lemois stated that the information was read verbatim from the charts.

The Chairman asked Mr. Koutsogiane to present his concerns in writing and they will be addressed. He asked that the first and second be withdrawn and the minutes will be approved at the next regular meeting.

MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Reorganization of Finance. The Chairman read a memo (copy attached for the record) asking that the Finance Committee review the structure of the Finance Department and prepare a recommendation for the reorganization. This recommendation will be presented at a Finance Committee meeting on or around 4/12/16. This will coincide with a budget review in preparations for the creation of the 2015-16 fiscal budget.

B. Quarterly Tax Payment Update.

a. There was a brief report from the 3/15/16 Task Force meeting. A report is being prepared to present to the Committee.

b. **FC-R-2016-09.** This resolution would authorize the expenditure of not more than \$15,000 for the remodeling of the meeting hall of Station 4 for use as a tax collection area as well as an office area.

The Cumberland Fire District will be reorganizing the finance department and extra space is needed. The combined Fire Prevention Services of the four districts is now operating from Headquarters creating the need for more space. Chief Finlay would be authorized to manage and expend funds as directed in this resolution.

COMMISSIONER CHAMPAGNE MOVED TO APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION.
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MATTA.

Commissioner Ouellette reviewed the list of materials and feels that we should not have a laminate countertop. She would like to see something like Formica that would last longer and look better as this is what the taxpayers first see when coming in and lean on. She suggested spending a little more on the countertop.

MOTION PASSED 7-0.

C. Report from Chief

- a. **Sale of Apparatus.** The Chief would like to list the following vehicles for sale to the highest bidder at auction through the municibid.gov website

2003 Ford Expedition – The estimated cost to repair would be \$2,200, vehicle mileage 119,340 and would have a minimum bid asking price of \$1,500.

2003 Ford F-550 – The approximate cost to repair would be in excess of \$4,500 and the vehicle has not been used as a brush fire truck in the last two years. The mileage is 72,523 and the minimum bid asking price would be \$10,000 without the snowplow. The current state of the vehicle is fair condition, with the transmission slipping under pressure. The engine is of sound running condition and the body could be remove and held for future use, either on utility 1 or another sale of just the body. The mileage is 46,113 and the minimum bid asking price would be \$2,000 with body \$1,500 without the body.

COMMISSIONER CHAMPAGNE MOVED TO PUT OUT THE THREE VEHICLES TO BID.
COMMISSIONER MATT A SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Chairman Lemois will format as a resolution, **FC-2016-10**.

- b. **Hydrant Painting.** The painted conditions of some of the fire hydrants within the Town have been neglected for some years. Fire Prevention Administrator, Keri Smith, has developed an idea to have a community contest in which children or adults would adopt a hydrant and paint it respectfully as a character or a solid color. A prize would be awarded to the winner (to be determined). She is asking for support to proceed with some guidelines and timeframes to help get the hydrants looking good again.
- There was discussion on who was responsible for the painting of hydrants. Commissioner Koutsogiane feels that this is premature and would like more information and detail.


COMMISSIONER CHAMPAGNE MOVE TO SUPPORT THE CHIEF'S PROJECT. SECOND
BY COMMISSIONER OUELLETTE. MOTION PASSED 6-1 WITH COMMISSIONER
KOUTSOGLIANE VOTING NAY.

Chairman Lemois indicated that this will be resolution **FC-R-2016-11**.

COMMISSIONER CHAMPAGNE MOVED TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AT 8:22 P.M. SECOND
BY COMMISSIONER PARENT. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Auclair, Committee Clerk

MEMO TO FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Cumberland Fire District	
Headquarters @ Station Four 3502 Mendon Road Cumberland, RI 02864 401.658.0544 www.cumberlandfire.org	
Bruce A. Lemois <i>Chairman</i>	March 22, 2016
Phillip Koutsogiannis <i>Vice-Chair</i>	
Christopher Parent <i>Commissioner</i>	To: Fire Committee
Cynthia Ouellette <i>Commissioner</i>	Re: Finance Department
Ronald Champagne <i>Commissioner</i>	We are requesting the Finance Committee review the structure of our Finance Department and prepare a recommendation for reorganization of the staff.
Jim Scullin <i>Commissioner</i>	
Frank Metta <i>Commissioner</i>	That this recommendation be presented at a Finance Committee meeting on or around April 12, 2016.
Kenneth Finley <i>Chief of the Department</i>	This will coincide with a budget review in preparations for the creation of the 2015-16 fiscal budget.
Station One 555 High Street 401.722.5902	
Station Two 1530 Mendon Road 401.333.1421	Thank you,
Station Five 50 Arnold Mills Road 401.555.2244	
Kelley Morris <i>General Counsel</i>	Bruce A. Lemois Chairman
Thomas Druce <i>Finance</i>	
Debra Auclair <i>District Clerk</i>	